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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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9 GEORGE MERCIER,

10 Plaintiff,

11 vs.

12 THE STATE OF NEVADA, *et al.*,

13 Defendants.

2:06-cv-992-JCM-RJJ

REPORT & RECOMMENDATION
OF UNITED STATES
MAGISTRATE JUDGE

(Application to Proceed *In Forma
Pauperis* (#1))

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15 This matter was submitted before the undersigned Magistrate Judge on Plaintiff, George
16 Mercier's Application to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* (#1). The Court has considered the
17 Application (#1) and the Complaint. Additionally, a hearing on this matter was scheduled for
18 March 7, 2007, at 9:00 A.M.

19 **BACKGROUND**

20 The plaintiff in this case, George Mercier, has filed approximately 75 cases within the last
21 12 months in the United States District Court for the District of Nevada. Mercier filled out an
22 Application to Proceed *in Forma Pauperis*. Plaintiff stated on his application that he is not
23 presently employed. Plaintiff further stated that he has not received money within the last 12
24 months from: a business, profession or other form of self-employment; rent payments, interest or
25 dividends; pensions, annuities or life insurance payments. Plaintiff does not have any interest in any
26 real estate, stocks, bond, notes, automobiles, or other valuable property. Further, the plaintiff does
27 not have any dependents. Plaintiff stated that he has received gifts or inheritances and money from
28 other sources, welfare. Plaintiff states that he has \$50.00 in a checking or savings account. Plaintiff

1 provided a supplemental statement in support of his *In Forma Pauperis* Application in which he
2 stated that he was fired from a Chevron Gas Station in September of 2003. (Supplemental Statement
3 in Support of IFP Admissions, attached to Plaintiff's Application to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis*
4 (#1)). The plaintiff further asserts that his income falls below the Federal Poverty Guideline.

5 DISCUSSION

6 I. APPLICATION TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

7 Plaintiff's application is incomplete. Specifically, he checked the boxes indicating that in
8 the past twelve months he had received gifts or inheritances, as well as, money from other sources,
9 but only listed "welfare" in the following section requiring applicants to describe each source of
10 money and the amount received from each source during the past twelve months. Plaintiff's
11 application does not specify the source or amount of the gifts or inheritances he received, nor the
12 amount of welfare that he received.

13 28 U.S.C. § 1915 allows the court to authorize the commencement of a civil action "without
14 prepayment of fees or give security therefor." The decision to grant or deny *in forma pauperis* status
15 under § 1915 lies within the sound discretion of the court. See, Weller v. Dickson, 314 F.2d 598,
16 600 (9th Cir. 1963).

17 Based on the sparse information provided by plaintiff, this Court is unable to determine
18 whether Plaintiff has sufficient financial resources to pay the Court's filing fee. See, 28 U.S.C.
19 § 1915. Therefore, the Court scheduled a hearing in court on Plaintiff's application. Notice was
20 duly given but the Plaintiff failed to appear for the hearing. It was therefore impossible to canvass
21 the Plaintiff regarding assets and income. The Plaintiff did not request a continuance of the hearing
22 and has filed no subsequent explanation for his failure to appear. Therefore, Plaintiff's Application
23 to Proceed *in Forma Pauperis* should be denied.

24 II. COMPLAINT

25 This complaint is irrational and frivolous on its face. Further, it is absolutely clear that the
26 deficiencies in this Complaint cannot be cured with leave to amend. Therefore, the Complaint
27 should be dismissed with prejudice.
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1 **RECOMMENDATION**

2 Based on the foregoing and good cause appearing therefore,

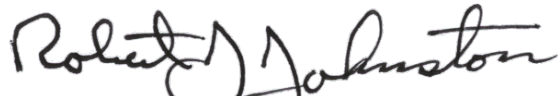
3 IT IS THE RECOMMENDATION of the undersigned Magistrate Judge that the
4 Plaintiff's Application to Proceed *in Forma Pauperis* (#1) be **DENIED** without prejudice

5 IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED by the undersigned Magistrate Judge that the
6 Complaint be **DISMISSED** with prejudice.

7 **NOTICE**

8 Pursuant to Local Rule IB 3-2 **any objection to this Report and Recommendation must**
9 **be in writing and filed with the Clerk of the Court on or before March 30, 2007.** The Supreme
10 Court has held that the courts of appeal may determine that an appeal has been waived due to the
11 failure to file objections within the specified time. Thomas v. Arn, 474 U.S. 140, 142 (1985). This
12 circuit has also held that (1) failure to file objections within the specified time and (2) failure to
13 properly address and brief the objectionable issues waives the right to appeal the District Court's
14 order and/or appeal factual issues from the order of the District Court. Martinez v. Ylst, 951 F.2d
15 1153, 1157 (9th Cir. 1991); Britt v. Simi Valley United Sch. Dist., 708 F.2d 452, 454 (9th Cir. 1983).

16 DATED this 19th day of March, 2007.

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19 ROBERT J. JOHNSTON
20 United States Magistrate Judge
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